

# Long-Short Equity

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## Strategy Overview

River Road's Long-Short Equity Portfolio is a hedged equity strategy that employs a fundamental, all cap, value-oriented approach. The Strategy seeks to provide **equity-like returns** with substantially **reduced volatility** while emphasizing **capital protection**.

## Portfolio Managers



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## Investment Objectives

### EQUITY-LIKE RETURNS

The Strategy seeks to outperform the blended index<sup>1</sup> by 300 to 500 bps over a full market cycle. We seek to construct a concentrated long portfolio of 20 to 40 excellent companies trading at compelling prices and a short portfolio of 20 to 40 challenged business models that are overvalued and exhibit low momentum.

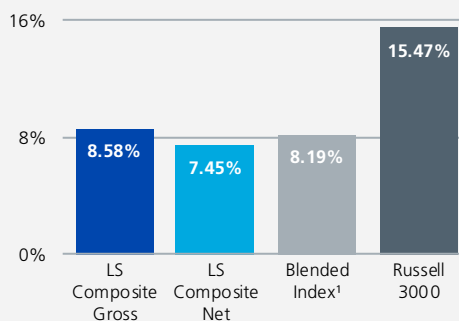
### REDUCED VOLATILITY

We seek to reduce Portfolio volatility by maintaining a flexible net market exposure. Normal exposure is 50-70%. We also limit volatility by executing on the fundamentals of risk management: we do not average down and we set stop losses, monitor losses at the portfolio level, and seek to avoid high momentum in the short portfolio.

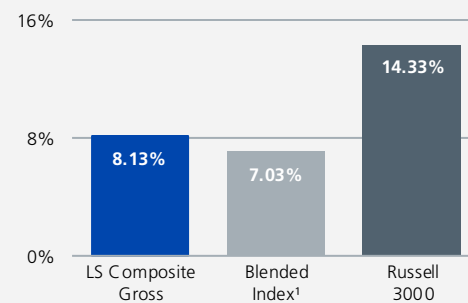
### CAPITAL PROTECTION

The Strategy employs a Drawdown Plan that we believe helps prevent major drawdowns in the Portfolio. The Drawdown Plan is a reactive method to reduce exposure in declining markets.

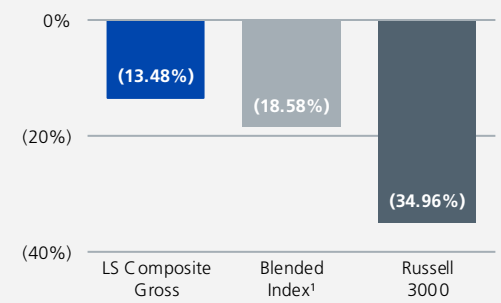
### Since Inception Anlzd Return



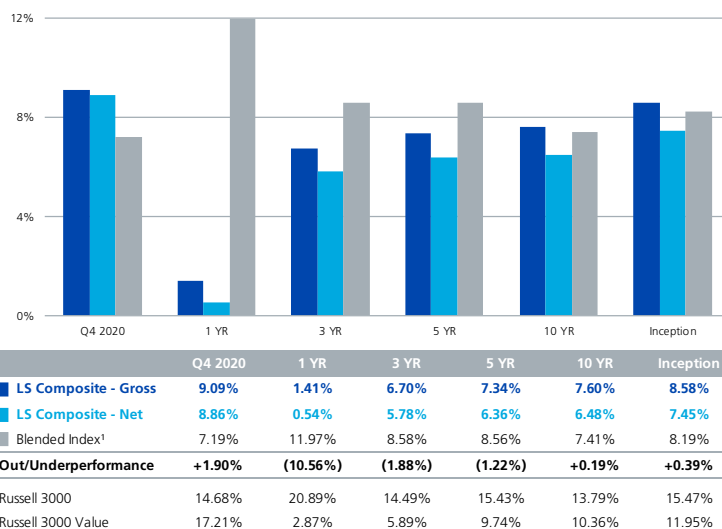
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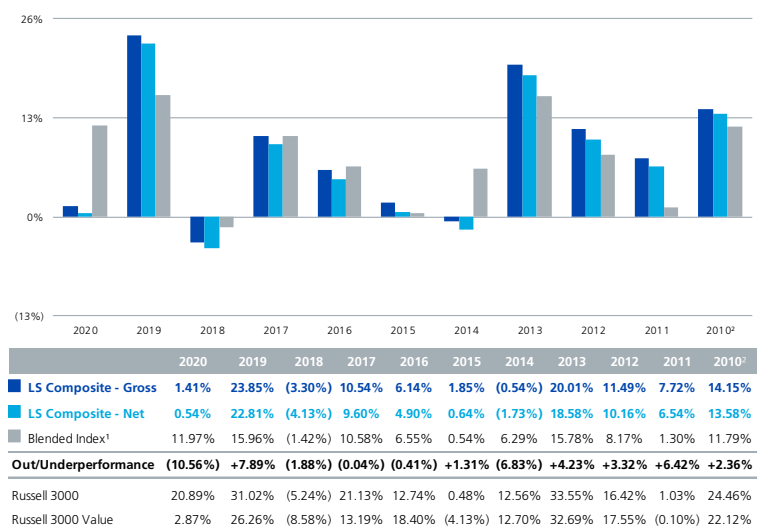
### Since Inception Max Drawdown



## Trailing Performance



## Annual Performance



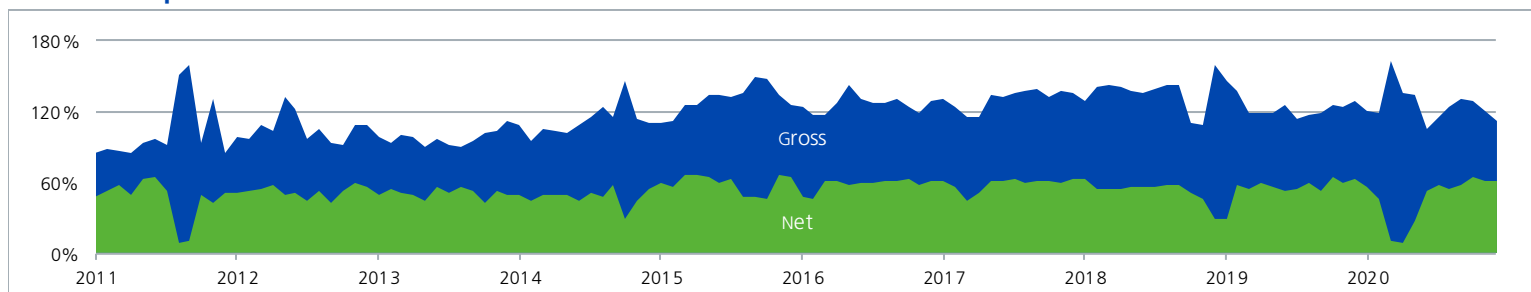
Performance is shown gross and net of fees. Inception date: July 1, 2010. <sup>1</sup>The blended index represents a 50% weighting of the Russell 3000 index and a 50% weighting of the ICE BofAML US Treasury Bill (0-3 M) (Local Total Return); rebalanced daily. <sup>2</sup>July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. Out/underperformance compares the gross Composite and blended index. LS Composite max drawdown calculated using daily gross performance. Exposure and holdings ranges are working guidelines subject to market fluctuations and other factors. Exact ranges may not be achieved. Index data source: London Stock Exchange Group PLC and its group undertakings (collectively, the "LSE Group"), © LSE Group. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Please see reverse side for important disclosure information.

Return & Risk Analysis

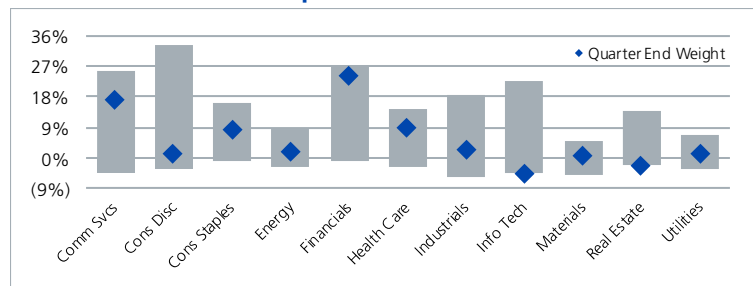
Since Inception	LS Composite Gross	LS Composite Net	Russell 3000
Anlzd. Return	8.58%	7.45%	15.47%
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Upside Capture	50%	47%	100%
Downside Capture	43%	45%	100%
Max 1-Month Drawdown	(6.69%)	(6.75%)	(13.75%)
Max Drawdown	(13.48%)	(13.60%)	(34.96%)

Trailing 5 YR	LS Composite Gross	Russell 3000
Sharpe Ratio	0.68	0.90
Sortino Ratio	1.09	1.38
Beta	0.45	1.00
Anlzd. Std. Dev.	9.09	15.89
R-Squared	61.64	100.00
Correlation	0.79	1.00

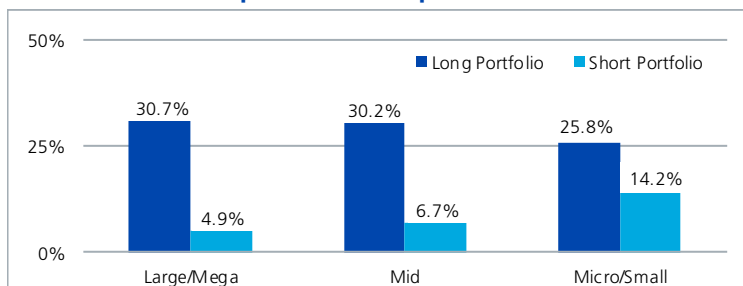
Historical Exposure



Historical Net Sector Exposure<sup>1</sup>



Current Market Capitalization Exposure<sup>2</sup>



Inception date: July 1, 2010. <sup>1</sup>Sector exposure range reflects quarterly maximum and minimum exposure since inception and excludes index hedges held during the Drawdown Plan. Stocks without a reported sector are not presented. <sup>2</sup>Market capitalization exposure presented as gross ending weights for the long and short portfolios. Stocks without a reported market cap (e.g. corporate reorganizations, mergers, acquisitions, dissolutions) are not presented. Market cap breakpoints are currently defined by River Road as Mega: > \$65 B, Large: \$25 B - \$65 B, Mid: \$5 B - \$25 B, Small: \$1 B - \$5 B, and Micro: < \$1 B. River Road periodically assesses and modifies these breakpoints. Gross of fees performance does not reflect the effect of management fees (performance would have been lower). Please refer to the net of fees performance provided when considering this Strategy. LS Composite annualized return and max drawdown are calculated using daily performance; all other return and risk statistics are calculated using monthly performance. Sortino ratio calculated using the FTSE 3M Treasury Bill via FactSet. Index data source: London Stock Exchange Group PLC and its group undertakings (collectively, the "LSE Group"), © LSE Group.

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